HARBOR ACCESS ASSESSMENT REPORT FINAL REPORT

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ASSESSMENT REPORT,

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### FINAL HARBOR ACCESS ASSESSMENT REPORT

### Project Background

In February 1987 the Town of Tremont selected Ames Corporation to conduct a Harbor Access Assessment and a Strategy and Action Plan for Bass Harbor.

The study is divided into two major categories. The Harbor Access Assessment includes (1) commercial/recreation harbor facilities need and potential demand study; and (2) inventory/map potential public/private harbor access sites and facilities to include structural conditions, relation to harbor activities and environmental contraints/opportunities. The second major category is the Strategy and Action Plan which consists of (1) preparation of preliminary plans of approved access option; (2) development of cost estimates/budget; (3) identification of required Federal, State, or Local development permits; and (4) development of implementation schedule.

On October 22, 1987, a public meeting was held to present the draft report. A copy of public comments can be found in Appendix A.

### Project Findings and Recommendations

During the site analysis phase eight (8) potential access sites were investigated. Tables 1, 2 and 3 summarize our findings.

Upon further analysis and discussion with the Special Committee for Harbor Planning and Development (SCHPD), areas 3, 4, and 6 were eliminated from further considerations and five schemes were developed for areas 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8 (see Lotting Plan, Fig. 1) along with cost estimates for each scheme.

After careful review by the SCHPD and Ames Corporation, it is recommended that the Town of Tremont select Scheme 5. The Bibber site would be within the Town's long range goals of providing public access, while protecting the fishing fleet (if private wharfs do not survive). In addition the Gott/Townsend site would provide for recreational boating in an area within easy walking distance to existing Town services.

TABLE 1

TOWN OF TREMONT

# HARBOR ACCESS SITE ANALYSIS

Remarks.	Existing 20' x 40' wharf; property not presently for sale; narrow access road; close to existing fishing fleet anchorage; no town services.	Properties not presently for sale; existing houses occupy almost entire lot, narrow access road, summer parking problems; close to existing fishing fleet anchorage; no town services.	Extensive dredging and/or fill; good access; properties not presently for sale; no town services.
Assessed Val.	\$ 91,400.00	\$109,800.00 \$159,000.00 \$ 78,900.00	\$ 65,000.00
Property Owner	George & Charlotte Lawson	LaJean Holstein George Trask Irving and Nancy Silverman	Galley Cove  a. Florence Pettigrove b. Robert and Colby Willis
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### TABLE 2

### TOWN OF TREMONT

## HARBOR ACCESS SITE ANALYSIS

Remarks	Properties not presently for sale; close to increased anchorage area; ice problems; good access; fairly close to town services.	Properties not presently for sale; ice problems; good access; additional dredging required; close to town services.	erty not good a an acce facility access;	Property not presently for sale; potential condo project; existing wharf in very poor condition; wave surge problems; good access; close to town services.
1986 Assessed Val.	\$ 50,400.00 \$ 66,200.00 \$112,800.00	\$ 51,400.00 6,700.00	\$140,000.00 \$ 94,100.00 \$ 33,400.00	\$246,200.00
Property Owner	Dorothy Wentworth Lynn Dow Lewis & Onalee Hopkins	Hazel Gott Warren and Doris Townsend	Kim Strauss Channing Washburn C. H. Rich Co.	New England Equip- ment Rental, Inc.
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TABLE 3

### TOWN OF TREMONT

## HARBOR ACCESS SITE ANALYSIS

	Remarks	Property not presently for sale; close to existing fishing anchorage no town services.
1986	Assessed Val.	\$163,200.00
	Property Owner	William Bibber
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\*See Lotting Plan, Fig. 1

### POTENTIAL DEMAND/FACILITIES NEEDS

### A. COMMERCIAL FISHING ACTIVITIES

In 1984 there were one hundred forty (140) licensed commercial fishermen in Tremont. (Source: Department of Marine Resources) Of the total number of commercial fishermen, one hundred twenty-three (123) or eighty-eight (88) percent held lobster licenses. In 1986 one hundred fourteen (114) licenses were issued of which seventy-three (73) were lobster and crab. (Source: Department of Marine Resources) This number represents sixty-four (64) percent of the total licenses issued or a twenty-four (24) percent decrease since 1984. In addition the total number of licenses issued decreased nineteen percent (19%). A breakdown of the number of licensed lobstermen and other fishermen in Tremont is provided below:

### COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN IN TREMONT

Year	<u>Licensed</u> Lobstermen	Other Lobstermen	<u>Total</u> <u>Fishermen</u>
1984	123	17	140
1986	73	41	114

The present number of fishing (commercial) boats moored in Bass Harbor is approximately seventy-five (75). We were unable to determine how many of the seventy-five (75) fishing boats actively fish.

In terms of potential demand, we believe constructing a new public landing will not bring new fishing boats into Bass Harbor. There are too many other economic problems which govern the number of boats engaged in fishing activities. However, we do feel a public landing in Bass harbor will enable Tremont to maintain its existing commercial fishing fleet.

Facilities required for the fishing fleet include a wharf for off-loading equipment or catch, a boat ramp, a dry dock and/or slips for temporary repairs, vehicle parking and electrical service.

### B. RECREATIONAL BOATING

As of November 1986 approximately one hundred seventy-five (175) recreational boats were moored in the Tremont area. (Source: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife)

In a recent market study prepared for Bucksport by Market Decisions, Inc. it was stated that Hancock County had a total of

7,383 boats registered in 1985, of which 2,222 were recreational boats 15° or greater in length. Of the 2,222 recreational craft, 16% were sailboats and 84% were power boats. Assuming the same percentage holds true for Tremont, then of the 175 recreational boats, 28 would be sailboats and 147 would be power boats. It is interesting to note that most sailboats remain in the water during the entire season, while power boats are split between trailering and seasonal mooring.

The Bucksport study indicated that boat ownership in Maine is growing at an average rate of 0.9% per year and that demographic features of age, income and occupation tend to favor growth in boat ownership.

Assuming a 1% per year growth rate for seasonal mooring requirements, the additional 30 moorings proposed by Bass Harbor should be sufficient for the forseeable future. However, another potential source of demand would be transient boaters who might seek accommodations for short periods. Although exact numbers of transients boaters are difficult to project, it is likely that transients will be more evident along open coastline areas such as Bass Harbor.

All indications point to increased recreational boating demands. A community such as Bass Harbor can provide facilities for these boaters as well as the commercial fishing fleet. Facilities, such as a boat ramp, floats, electrical service, and auto parking can be phased based on available local, state and federal monies.

### POTENTIAL HARBOR ACCESS SITES

### A. GENERAL

Five schemes were developed which considered separate recreational and commercial facilities as well as combined facilities. Conceptual designs and cost estimates were prepared for each scheme. Cost estimates do not include property acquisitions. All schemes, whether separate commercial and recreational or combined commercial and recreational, contain the same facilities: (wharf, boat ramp, floats, bulkhead, auto parking, etc.)

### B. SCHEME 1

This alternative proposes recreational boating be developed on the Holstein, Trask and Silverman property with a separate commercial fishing facility to occupy the Lawson property (See Fig. 2).

Although this alternative is the least expensive to develop (\$1,303,904.00) recreational boaters would be located in an area with poor roadway access and no services (restaurants, stores, etc.).

DATE PREPARED 9-28-87 CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE SHEET BASIS FOR ESTIMATE Tremont Harbor Access Study CODE A (NO DESIGN COMPLETED) LOCATION CODE B (PRELIMINARY DESIGN) Bass Harbor, ME CODE C (FINAL DESIGN) ARCHITECT ENGINEER AMES CORPORATION OTHER (SPECIFY) ESTIMATOR CWS CHECKED BY PTC DEPARTMENT QUANTITY MATERIAL LABOR SUBJECT Holstein, Trask, TOTAL Silverman NO. UNIT MEAS. PER PER COST TOTAL TOTAL UNIT Ll Boat Ramp and Parking at end of Steamboat Lane, Lots 17-36, 17-37 & 17-38 \$ 25,500. 1. Excavation & Backfill 3000 CY \$8.50 \$25,500. EA 2. Demolition of Buildings \$5000. 15,000. 15,000. 3. Landscaping LS 20,000. 20,000. 4. Paved Parking Lot 4300 SY 5.00 21,500. 21,500. 6000 \$360,000. Pile Supported Pier SF **||\$ 60.** \$360,000. 6. Access Ramp LS \$ 4,000. 4,000. 7. Floats 1400 SF \$ 30. 42,000. 42,000. 8. Concrete Boat Ramp LS 8,500. 8,500. \$496,500. Subtotal 15% \$ 74,475. Contractor 0 & P Subtotal \$570,975. 10% Contingency \$ 57,098. Subtota1 \$628,073. Engineering & Permitting 10% \$ 62,807. NOTE: Does not include cost to purchase property \$690,880

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### C. SCHEME 2

This alternative (See Fig. 3) proposes a commercial fishing facility be developed on the Lawson property and a separate recreational boating facility be developed on the Gott and Townsend properties. Although the recreational boating is located near the appropriate services (restaurants, stores, etc.), the additional dredging and fill required to locate the recreational boating in this area results in the second most costly of all the options (\$3,208,735).

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6 Granite Bulkhead	3,000	CY	\$ 450.	1,350,	000			1,350,000.	
7 Pile Fenders	50	EA	300.	15,	000			15,000.	
8 Access Ramp		LS:		4,	000			4,000.	
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### D. SCHEME 3

This alternative (See Fig. 4) proposes a combined recreational and commercial facility located on the Gott and Townsend properties. The economic benefit of a single facility can be seen by saving approximately \$100,000 over Scheme 2, however the ice build up in this cove would make it difficult, if not impossible, for the fishing fleet to utilize this facility during the winter.

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2.	Common Fill	58,000	CY.	4.00	232	2,000.		<del></del>	232,000.
3.	Dredge Excavation	51,000	CY	5.00	255	,000.			255,000.
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5.	Landscaping		LS		20	,000.			20,000.
6.	Granite Bulkhead	3600.	CY	450.	1,62	0,000			1,620,000.
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### E. SCHEME 4

This alternative (See Fig. 5) proposes a combined recreational and commercial facility at the old Underwood Plant Site. Although estimated development costs (\$3,074,171) are less than Scheme 2 and 3, this site potentially has the highest land acquisition costs. In addition, major renovation to the existing wharf is required.

This option is the most centrally located of all others. All services are located within easy walking distance.

DATE PREPARES -28-87 CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE OF SHEET BASIS FOR ESTIMATE PROJECT Tremont Harbor Access Study CODE A (NO DESIGN COMPLETED) LOCATION Bass Harbor, Maine CODE B (PRELIMINARY DESIGN) CODE C (FINAL DESIGN) ARCHITECT ENGINEER AMES CORPORATION OTHER (SPECIFY) DEPARTMENT CHECKED BY ESTIMATOR AMR GRB SUBJECT QUANTITY MATERIAL LABOR TOTAL UNIT PER PER NO. COST Underwood TOTAL TOTAL UNITS UNIT UNIT 4.1 Underwood Site 1 Excavation & Backfill 500 CY \$ 8.50 \$ 4,250. 4,250. 1 2. Demolition of Building LS 5,000 5,000. 5,000. 3 Demolish portion of 1 LS 110,000 10,000 10,000. Existing Pier 4! Reconstruct Exist.Pier | 14,900 | SF 35 521,500 521,000. SF 60 810,000 5 Pile Supported Pier Add. 13,500 810,000. 6! Granite Bulkhead 1,200 CY ! 450i 540,000 540,000. 50 3001 15,000 71 Pile Fenders EA 15,000. 8 Access Ramp 1 LS# 6.000! 6,000. 6,000. 9 Floats 301 264,000. 8800 SF 264,000. 10 Concrete Boat Ramp LS 1 85001 8,500. 8,500. 11 Landscaping LS 20,000 20,000. 1 20,000. 12 Paved parking Lot 1000 SY 5,000. 5,000. \$ 2,209,250. Subtotal Contractor 0 & P \$ 331,388. Subtotal **#**\$ 2,540,638. Contingency \$ 254,064. Subtota1 \$ 2,794,701. Engineering & \$ 279,470. Permitting NOTE: Does not include cost to purchase property \$ 3,074,171.

### F. SCHEME 5

This alternative proposes a commercial fishing facility be developed between the Bibber and Lawson sites and a separate recreational boating facility be developed between the Gott and Townsend properties. Although these sites accomplish the separation of commercial and recreational boaters, this alternative is the most costly to develop (\$4,341,487).

CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE DATE PREPARED OF SHEET 12-10-87 BASIS FOR ESTIMATE Tremont Harbor Access Study CODE A (NO DESIGN COMPLETED) CODE B (PRELIMINARY DESIGN) Bass Harbor, Maine ☐ CODE C (FINAL DESIGN) ARCHITECT ENGINEER AMES CORPORATION OTHER (SPECIFY) DEPARTMENT ESTIMATOR CHECKED BY AMR QUANTITY MATERIAL LABOR SUBJECT TOTAL PER UNIT Bibber NO. UNITS UNIT MEAS PER COST TOTAL TOTAL UNIT Bibber Site CY 8.50 11,970 \$ 11,970. Excavation & Backfill 1500 | (gravel borrow) 1500 SF Pile supported pier 60 90,000 90,000. addition Granite Bulkhead 1742 CY ! 450 783,900 783,900. EA Pile Fenders 50 300 | 15,000 15,000. Access Ramp LS 6000 | 12,000 12,000. Floats 9900 SF 30 297,000 297,000. LS 8,500 8,500. Boat Ramp Paved Parking 550 SY 2,730 2,730. LS 20,000 20,000. Landscaping LS 10. Road Construction 13,500 13,500. SUBTOTAL \$1,254,600. Contractor 0 & P 15% 188,190 SUBTOTAL \$1,442,790. 10% 144,279. Contingency SUBTOTAL \$1,587,069. Engineering & Permitting 10% 158,707. NOTE: Does not include cost to purchase property TOTAL \$1,745,776

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APPENDIX

Public Meeting
Draft Harbor Access
& Waterfront Land Use Reports
Tremont Community Building
October 22, 1987
7:00 P.M.

Present: Special Committee members Fay Lawson, Tom Goodwin, Jim Harper, Haywood May, Tom McAfee and John Brown, Greg Beswick from Ames Engineering and approx. 55 members of the public.

Fay Lawson gave a brief introduction and history of the Planning Grant Committee and its goals - finding a solution to obtaining harbor access and land use regulations which would guarantee the access.

Greg Beswick was introduced and described the sites which have been studied and narrowed it down to four (4) possibilities. Approximate costs were given, not including purchase of the real estate itself. His preferred option was #4, the site of the old Underwood plant.

The meeting was then opened to questions and comments from the public.

Dick Black: West side of Harbor would be best due to better protection, ice etc.
Underwood factory a very poor location and too much money.

Art Paine: Cost seems too high on all options.

Henry Wilensky-Lanford: Why couldn't land use zoning protect the wharfs from a change of use.

Dick Black: Doesn't feel taxes could ever pay for such a large project. The availability of grant money was explained by Tom Goodwin but Mr. Black still felt costs would be prohibitively high.

Norman Nadel: Doesn't like any of the options and the one Mr. Beswick favors is definitely the worst. Thinks the Town should seek a second opinion.

A general feeling among the public that money was a big problem.

After a 10 minute break John Brown gave a brief history of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Within the next 4 months the Planning Board will have a proposal for changes in the present Ordinance. Responses from the recent survey show a strong desire for zoning.

Kim Strauss: If a 50' setback is proposed he does not feel it is enough. Needs to be much more. Favors `neighborhood' type zoning.

Betsey Tracey: Concerned about water supply and quality in already built up areas.

Stan Grierson: Doesn't feel he can impress enough the seriousness of a water problem. Tremont is unique in that it is almost entirely ledge.

A hand vote was taken on the 4 options. Of the approx. 55 people only 5 voted. One for option #1, one for option #2 and three for option #3.

A vote was then taken to see if people were interested in any kind of harbor access. Unanimous yes vote.

Kim Strauss feels site just North of C.H. Rich Company was dismissed too soon. Would like to see it studied further.

Meeting was over at 9:05 P.M.

